#### actually ['ækt[(v)əli] adv

# 1. фактически, на самом деле; в действительности, по-настоящему

do you actually mean it? - вы в самом деле имеете это в виду?; вы это всерьёз (говорите)?

you are actually the only friend I have - по правде говоря, ты мой единственный друг

what political group is actually in power? - какая политическая группировка находится сейчас у власти?

### 2. как ни странно, как ни удивительно; даже

he actually expected me to do this work for him! - подумать только, он рассчитывал /считал/, что я сделаю эту работу за него! he actually offered to see me off - он даже вызвался проводить меня

he actually swore - он даже выругался

are you living in London? - I am, actually! - ты сейчас живёшь в Лондоне? - А ты как думал?

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# ac·tu·al·ly [actually] BrE ['æktʃuəli] NAmE ['æktʃuəli] adverb 1. used in speaking to emphasize a fact or a comment, or that sth is really true

- What did she actually say?
- · It's not actually raining now.
- · That's the only reason I'm actually going.
- There are lots of people there who can actually help you.
- I didn't want to say anything without actually reading the letter first.
- 2. used to show a contrast between what is true and what sb believes, and to show surprise about this contrast
- It was actually quite fun after all.
- The food was not actually all that expensive.
- Our turnover actually increased last year.

# **3.** used to correct sb in a polite way

- We're not American, actually. We're Canadian.
- Actually, it would be much more sensible to do it later.
- They're not married, actually.
- 4. used to get sb's attention, to introduce a new topic or to say sth that sb may not like, in a polite way
- Actually, I'll be a bit late home.
- · Actually, I'm busy at the moment- can I call you back?

#### Which Word?:

#### actual / current / present

Actual does not mean current or present. It means 'real' or 'exact', and is often used in contrast with something that is not seen as real or exact: • I need the actual figures, not an estimate.

Present means 'existing or happening now': - How long have you been in your present job?

**Current** also means 'existing or happening now', but can suggest that the situation is temporary: 
The factory cannot continue its current level of production.

Actually does not mean 'at the present time'. Use currently, at present or at the moment instead. note at *presently* 

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# ac tu al ly S1 W1 /'æktʃuəli, -tʃəli/ BrE AmE adverb

**1**. [sentence adverb] *spoken* used to add new information to what you have just said, to give your opinion, or to start a new conversation:

- l've known Barbara for years. Since we were babies, actually.
- Actually, on second thoughts, I don't think I want to go out tonight.
- 2. used to emphasize the real or exact truth of a situation, rather than what people may think:
  - What time are you actually leaving?
  - Labor costs have actually fallen.
  - 'Disappointed?' 'No, actually I'm rather glad.'

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